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In re Patent Application of )  
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Continuation of Serial No. 09/028,932 ) Previous Examiner: M. Angebranndt  
Filed: June 25, 2001 ) Atty. Docket No.: 109289.00193  
For: SILVER HALIDE MATERIAL FOR ) HC:bcj:  
OPTICAL MEMORY DEVICES )  
WITH LUMINESCENT READING )  
AND METHODS FOR THE TREAT- )  
MENT THEREOF )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced continuation application, kindly enter  
the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 54, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter  
therein.

Please add new Claims 55 to 60:

-- 55. A digital optical memory device comprising:

(a) a digital optical memory medium comprising a plurality of layers of a  
luminescent material for an optical digital memory device, each of said plurality of layers  
comprising insoluble microparticles dispersed in a water soluble polymer, said microparticles